



**Draft Minutes of the  
Miracle Mile Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site  
Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting – 32nd**

September 12, 2007, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Flowing Wells Irrigation District

3901 N. Fairview

Tucson, Arizona 85705

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CAB Members Present: Gary Abrams, David Crockett, George Hembree, Karen Ramage, Manuel Ramirez, Jan Randolph

CAB Members Absent: Robert Brobeck, Netty Buras, Pauline Massie

ADEQ Staff Present: Tina Le Page, Project Manager; SRO; Eileen Palese, Community Involvement Coordinator, SRO

Members of the Public Present: James Viereg, Alison Jones, Wally Wilson

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The meeting began at 6:05 p.m.

**1. Call to Order/Introductions**

Co-chair Gary Abrams conducted introductions of the CAB members and public participants.

**2. Approval of Minutes for 5/2/07 CAB Meeting**

David Crockett motioned to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2007, CAB meeting. George Hembree seconded the motion. The CAB voted to accept the minutes; all were in favor; none opposed.

**3. CAB Membership Discussion/Attendance**

Eileen Palese said that she spoke with CAB member, Netty Buras, and due to her health, she has decided to resign from the CAB. The CAB can vote on her resignation at the next regular meeting. Gary Abrams opened a discussion on the current numbers of CAB members. He said he would like to see more people on the board. The CAB discussed ways to interest residents and expressed their frustration with trying to convince people to join.

Tina Le Page mentioned that she plans to attend the dedication ceremony of the new Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center which is going to be held on Saturday, September 15, 2007. [It is located at 1660 W. Ruthrauff Road.] She said she will take CAB membership forms with

her and encourage anyone interested to join the CAB. The center might also be a possible place to hold CAB meetings. Melissa Hayes will also attend. She is ADEQ's community involvement coordinator for the Shannon Road/El Camino del Cerro WQARF site, north of the Miracle Mile WQARF site.

David Crockett and Gary Abrams said they often attend the Flowing Wells Neighborhood Association and Community Coalition meetings and have encouraged membership on the Miracle Mile CAB. Gary Abrams said it will become even more important to reach the community when it is time to make decisions on the cleanup methods.

#### **4. CAB Discussion and Vote on Membership Application: Alison Jones, City of Tucson**

Alison Jones, an environmental manager for the city's Department of Environmental Services, introduced herself and said that she wants to join the CAB because she is doing work on the Silverbell Landfill WQARF site which is located across the river from the Miracle Mile WQARF site. She said the City of Tucson is the responsible party at the Silverbell site. She said there is now evidence that some of the contamination from the Silverbell WQARF site may be affecting the plume at the Miracle Mile WQARF site. There are commonalities at both sites. She questioned if she will be able to be a voting member. The CAB discussed if there would be a conflict of interest if she was voted on the board. Eileen Palese said that the state statute calls for all parties to be involved on a CAB, and that the group is an advisory committee, not policy-making. She said other CABs have government representatives and responsible parties as members. The CAB decided that if an issue arose, the CAB could ask Alison Jones not to vote.

Jan Randolph asked if the city had a vested interest—didn't the city want to take over the CAP water allocation that belonged to Flowing Wells Irrigation District.

Alison Jones said that this occurred before she worked for the city, and that she does not work for Tucson Water; however her Department of Environmental Services does work closely with Tucson Water.

Jan Randolph motioned to accept the application of Alison Jones to join the Miracle Mile CAB. Karen Ramage seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The CAB members welcomed Alison Jones to the CAB. Eileen Palese provided her with a notebook.

#### **5. Site Investigation Update**

Tina Le Page said she previously discussed the results of sampling performed last April. Since that time, a new contract was awarded to URS, who will be ADEQ's consultant for the site. They will sample all of the monitor wells again in October. She said this time they will try to compare the data to see what is happening in relation to the Silverbell Landfill WQARF site with Miracle Mile. She reported that she has finished the Responsiveness Summary for the draft Remedial Investigation Report (RI)—it is being reviewed at ADEQ in Phoenix. She said she hopes to have it completed in a week.

She said the next step in the process is to propose Remedial Objectives for the site. These will go out for public comment. She said Remedial Objectives show the big picture—what do we want to

clean up and to what standards. She said another Responsiveness Summary will be prepared for this step. All of these documents will be included in the final RI. She said she hopes to have all of this completed by December 2007. She said some data gaps were identified in the RI, but she does not want to hold up the RI Report because of that because then she can't start on the Feasibility Study (FS). The data gaps can be resolved while the FS is underway.

Tina Le Page said that ADEQ is still doing work at the Spring Joint property, a former business on Romero Road where chromium was found contaminating the soils. She said a new owner is now making race cars on the property. She said she wants to get a better idea of the extent of the contamination in the perched zone.

She said they are also going to look at the sewer lines near the Fairfax Industrial Park. This work should be completed in July 2008. She said it is necessary because they still have to find the sources, as stated in the RI. She said that the project manager for URS, Jerry Fordham, also works closely with for Flowing Wells Irrigation District, so he is very familiar with the site. Tina Le Page provided a map to the CAB showing the proximity of the three WQARF sites—Miracle Mile, Shannon Road/El Camino el Cerro and Silverbell Landfill.

The CAB asked questions regarding the other WQARF sites and the types of contamination found. Jan Randolph asked where the sewer lines run. Tina Le Page said some are near the Fairfax Industrial Park. Gary Abrams described areas where he knows of sewer locations. He said one is near the runway for the former airport. He said large sewer lines comes down the southbound lane of Romero Road. These pipes were relined a few years ago because they were leaking. Tina Le Page said these lines tie into the main line on Romero Road. She said soil gas sampling showed high concentrations possible along the sewer lines on the R.E. Darling property. She said she does not know how old the sewer is.

Alison Jones asked if people could have disposed of contamination in the sewers. Tina Le Page said it is a possibility. Gary Abrams said the soil can also become a conduit.

The CAB discussed the review of the RI. Tina Le Page described some of the comments received. She said the comment the CAB made became part of the RI report.

David Crockett asked about the installation of new wells within the site. Tina Le Page said that she wants to install one well, a regional well, north of the plume, and another northeast of the plume. She said she is looking to find where there are geology data gaps. She said she will be working with URS on the exact location(s).

## **6. Call to the Public**

Jim Viereggs said he has been a member of the WQARF Advisory Board for nine years, and is one of the original draftsmen of the WQARF statute when he represented ADEQ and the Attorney General's office. He left there in 1988 and is now Environmental Council for Abrams Airborne Manufacturing, Inc. He told the CAB he has had a long history with the Miracle Mile

study area. He said the participation of people on the CAB is greatly appreciated by the WQARF Advisory Board. He has heard that the problem of member turnover is the same for many of the boards. He said the CAB can call Amanda Stone, ADEQ's Waste Programs Division Director, for help with finding new members because she deals with this problem.

**7. Other Administrative Business**

There was no other business to report.

**8. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Discussion**

The CAB decided to hold the next meeting of the Miracle Mile Community Advisory Board will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2008, however, the meeting date was changed to February 13, 2008. It will be held at the Flowing Wells Irrigation District, 3901 N. Fairview, Tucson, AZ. Call Eileen Palese, ADEQ Community Involvement Coordinator, SRO, at (520) 628-6712, or email at palese.eileen@azdeq.gov, for meeting information and proposed agenda.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

*This meeting was recorded on a digital device as a record of the proceedings. To listen to a recording, or for additional documents mentioned in these minutes, contact ADEQ's Southern Regional Office, Community Involvement Office, 520/628-6712.*

**Minutes prepared by: Eileen Palese 12/7/07  
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